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US Marshals Arrest Long-Standing Drug Fugitive

On August 21, 2003, Michael Wayne Gillander - a long time drug fugitive from Portland was arrested by Deputy U.S. Marshals, including a Portland Police Detective, assigned to the Oregon High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Fugitive Task Force. Gillander was arrested at Lake Shasta Resort as he was preparing to vacation on a \$7,000 a week house boat. Deputy U.S. Marshals from Northern California and Shasta County Deputy Sheriffs also assisted.

Mitchell Wayne Gillander was involved in an organized drug conspiracy investigated by a federal, state, and local multi-jurisdictional drug task force. He was indicted September 21st, 1995 for manufacture and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. However, he fled in July 1996 prior to sentencing. He is facing a potential sentence in excess of 20 years.

Gillander, age 43, is believed to have initially fled to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico for several years. Deputy U.S. Marshals have determined that Gillander was at one time living in San Diego and most recently Yuba City, California.

Gillander was transported to the Jackson County Jail located in Medford, Oregon. He is scheduled for an initial appearance today in U.S. District Court.